

CHAPTER 717
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

761—717.1(328) Purpose. The purpose of the general aviation airport vertical infrastructure program is to provide funding for improvements to the vertical infrastructure at Iowa's general aviation airports.

761—717.2(328) Definitions. The definitions in Iowa Code section 328.1 and rule 761—700.1(328) apply to these rules. In addition:

“*General aviation airport*” means a public-use airport that is owned by a governmental subdivision of the state of Iowa and that does not have scheduled commercial air service.

“*Vertical infrastructure*” is defined in Iowa Code section 8.57, subsection 5.

761—717.3(328) Information and forms. Information, instructions, and application forms may be obtained from the Office of Aviation, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010; telephone (515)233-7703.

761—717.4(328) Eligible airports. Eligible airports are those general aviation airports that are in compliance with minimum state safety standards (see 761—Chapter 720). The applicant must be the governmental subdivision charged with managing the general aviation airport.

761—717.5(328) Eligible project activities. Activities that are eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the following:

717.5(1) Hangar renovation or construction including associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

717.5(2) Fuel facilities including associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

717.5(3) Terminal building renovation or construction including associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

717.5(4) Relocating an existing hangar, terminal building or fuel facility to correct violations of federal safety or design standards. Work shall include all associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

761—717.6(328) Ineligible project activities. Rescinded IAB 11/14/01, effective 12/19/01.

761—717.7(328) Funding.

717.7(1) The funding ratio for all projects is 70/30 (70 percent state funds, 30 percent local funds).

717.7(2) Maximum state participation. Using the appropriated funds, the maximum state participation is \$50,000 per airport per year.

761—717.8(328) Project priorities. Priority shall be given to projects which produce revenue for the airport such as hangars, terminal buildings and fuel facilities. New construction shall have priority over rehabilitation of existing infrastructure provided that adequate demonstration of need is submitted.

761—717.9(328) Project applications.

717.9(1) Project applications shall be submitted to the office of aviation.

717.9(2) Each application shall contain:

a. General information, including the airport sponsor's name, contact person, mailing address and telephone number.

b. A capital improvement program (CIP) data sheet. The CIP data sheet shall include a sketch of the project, a brief description of the project and its purpose, and cost information including total project cost and an itemized breakdown of project components.

c. A resolution from the airport sponsor endorsing the project and authorizing the necessary local match funding.

761—717.10(328) Review and approval. Department staff shall review project applications and submit recommendations to the transportation commission. The commission is responsible for approving the projects to be funded and the amount to be funded for each project.

761—717.11(328) Project agreement and administration.

717.11(1) Agreement. After a project has been approved by the commission, the department shall enter into an agreement with the airport sponsor.

717.11(2) Payments. Payments to the airport sponsor for eligible project costs shall be made on a cost reimbursement basis.

717.11(3) Cost overruns. Rescinded IAB 11/14/01, effective 12/19/01.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57 and 328.12.

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